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Reminiscences of Honolulu. No 24.

After completing the occupation of the Fort, a file of French soldiers was marched to the Gustom House and Government offices, including the Polynesian Printing office (on the site of the present Post-office building) where sentries were posted, and during the occupation Government officials had no access to their offices. The Government printers (the present writer was foreman of the Government press) were sent to the American Mission Printing office to do needed work. The paper was not issued on Saturday, September 1st. During the forenoon of the 25th, all the money in the Government Treasury had been carted up to the Mission premises, and placed for safety in the charge of Hon. S. N. Castle, the Secular Agent of the Mission. The King's yacht, the pretty Kamehameha III., which had recently arrived from Maui and was lying in the har-bor, was seized by the Freuch, and auchored under the stern of the Gassendi. And coasting vessels, as they came into port from the other Islands, were similarly seized and anchored, so that in the course of a day or two the man-of-war had quite a "mosquito fleet" nuder her lee. These vessels (excepting the King's yacht,) were all released after a few days vexatious detention, in consequence of remonstrances by foreign Consuls (R. C. Janion, L. H. Anthon, J. F. B. Marshall) and the exhibition of proof that the vessels and their lading was the property of private individ-uals and not of the Hawaiian Government. One schooner, which was among the first that was seized, was loaded with sugar and produce from the plantation of Dr. R. W. Wood, at Koloa, Kanai. Dr. E. Hoffmann, who was a relative of Dr. Wood, and personally well acquainted with Dillon, the French Consul, went off to the Gassendi to endeavor to obtain the release of the vessel. He found the Consul promenading the deck in company with the Admiral. The Doctor was received with true French hanteur and scant politeness by Dillon, who extended in recognition one finger of his hand to shake. The visit however resulted in the release of the vessel.

During the whole time of the French occupancy, which lasted a fortnight, the Hawaiian flag continued to float, night and day, from the flag-staff of the Fort. I omitted to mention in my last the fact that when the French entered, the officer in command had demanded that Governor Kekuanaoa should cause the flag to be hauled down. The Governor's reply was spirited, as well as sound: "If you desire to have the flag down, haul it down your-self—I shall not." And so it remained, for if the French themselves had lowered it they would have lost even the shadow of a quibble for denying that they had broken the agreement with Great Britain of November 28, 1843, not, on any pretext whatever, to take possession of any portion of

the Hawaiian territory.

On Sunday morning a poster, (printed at the Roman Catholic Mission) was found placarded on the streets of Honolulu. It read as follows:

A misunderstanding connected with the non-execution of a Treaty having existed, for some time, between France and the Hawaiian Islands, the undersigned rear-Admiral de Tromelin came to Honolulu in the hope of settling it amicably and pacifically. With this view he sought an interview with the King in Council, offering to hear their reasons and discuss the question with them, in a conciliatory spirit. The advisers of the King, against whose arbitrary and unconstitutional conduct, the Representatives of the Great Powers, France, the United States and Great Britain, had already pro-tested, in a collective address, on the 18th December, 1848, thereby binding their respective Governments; refused to grant the conference demanded. It became therefore a part of the duty of the undersigned to forward to them an ultimatum, which they have also rejected. In consequence thereof, the Fort of Honolulu has been disarmed by the French forces, now in the harbor, but the Hawaiian flag still waves and will continue to wave over it. The undersigned, who neither aims at an occupation nor a Protectorate, for France. will hasten to withdraw with the forces under his command, the moment his just reclamations are attended to. In the meantime, it is his fixed resolve to respect alike the interests of all foreigners no matter what their creed or country. As far as France is concerned, the convention signed in 1839 by Captain Laplace will form the basis of her relations with these Islands. According to this Treaty French merchandise of all kinds will be admitted at the uniform duty of 5 per cent.

LEGOARANT DE TROMELIN,

Itear Admiral.
On the morning of the day in which the On the morning of the day in which the French forces landed in the afternoon, Dillon with his family went on board the Gassendi, and remained there for a week. He might, possibly, have deemed that his personal safety would be endangered; but really the act was only in keeping with the role of Bombastes Furioso which was natural to him. During the whole time, from the first landing of the French troops until they were withdrawn, Honolalu presented a scene of the utmost quiet and good order. There was not a moment good order. There was not a moment when a French citizen, of whatever rank, could not go about the streets with the utmost safety to his person, and entirely unarmed. Freach property was just as se-cure as it ever had been, or as that of the subjects or citizens of any other Govern-ment. But Mr. Dillon fled to the protection of a war ship, and before doing so wrote to Mr. Wyllie that "he was himself forced, in consequence of the obstinacy with which the Hawaiian Government has with which the Hawaiian Government has repelled the just demands, formalized both in his name and in the name of M. the Rear Admiral, Commander in Chief, &c., &c., to evacuate his house, situate in the valley of Nunana, and of passing, with his family, on board one of the vessels of war of his nation." Further adding that he held the Hawaiian Government responsible for "damages or deterioration" which might happen to said properties, the valley house with furniture valued at \$10,000, and the Chancellerie at \$3,000.

Previous to the 25th, the French Ad-

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miral had addressed a circular letter to the Representatives of Foreign Powers, setting forth the demands that were to be made or the Hawaiian Government, and stating that he should enforce them with the means at his disposal. Juel Turrill, the eminently respectable and phlegmatic old gentleman who occupied the position of American Consul at the time, was interested sufficiently to respond to the Admiral, expressing in decided terms the opinion that neither the letter nor the spirit of the Treaty with France had been violated by the Hawaiian Government, and protesting against the enforcement of the demands in

the manner indicated. On the 27th, at the suggestion of the Admiral, that a Special Commission appointed by the King should meet him and the Consul on board the Gassendi, to confor on questions in dispute, Dr. Judd and Judge Lee were duly appointed such Commissioners, with C. G. Hopkins as their Secretary. They went on board on the 28th, and that day and evening spent seven hours in a discussion which was barren of results.

On the day before (the 27th) Consul General Miller had become sufficiently aroused to the fact that the French authorities were acting outrageously, as to send the following dispatch to the Admiral: H. B. M.'s Consulate General for

THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC,
HONOLULU, WOAHOO, Aug. 27, 1849.)
Sir: The Governments of Grent Britin and France having, on the 28th of No. ain and France having, on the 28th of November, 1843, entered into a Mutual Agreement in the form of a declaration (a copy of which I have the honor to enclose to you) by which they mutually pledged themselves never on any ground or pretext, or under any form, to take possession of any part of the Territory of the Sandwich Islands, it was with extreme regret, that on the 25th instant, I witnessed the seizure and military occupation, which is still continued, of the Fort, Custom House. Treasury, Foreign, and other Government Offices of Honolulu, by detachments of armed seamen, from 200 to 300 men, belonging to the French Naval Forces in the Pacific Ocean under your command; and this act, of thus taking and holding forcible possession of a part of the territory of the Sandwich Islands, being, I conceive, a violation of the mutual agreement entered into by Great Britain and France, I feel it to be my duty, as the Representative of Her Britannic Majesty's Government at these Islands, to protest, and I do hereby protest against that proceeding, and at the same time I beg to assure you that Great Britain will not see with indifference an exercise of arbitrary violence practiced to the prejudice of a Sovereign and country which she has taken under special protection, while she does not seek, but on the contrary disclaims any wish for paramount in-

of the highest consideration,
I have the honor to be, &c., (Signed) WILLIAM MILLER, H. B. M.'s Consul General for the Islands of the Pacific.

fluence or privileges not enjoyed by other nations in these Islands. With sentiments

This spirited and appropriately worded dispatch of General Miller, elicited no reply from the Admiral, any more than did the protest of the American Consul and "remonstrances" of the Consuls for Chile, Peru and Denmark.

An illustration of the spirit of spiteful vandalism that actuated Mr. Dillon, (who was the Admiral's prompter in everything) occurred at the Fort. At the very time when the King's Special Commissioners were engaged on board the Gassendi in consultation with the Admiral with a view to coming to some amicable understanding as to the settlement of questions in dis pute-the French in the Fort were busily at work in dismounting and spiking the guns, and in throwing several hundred kegs of powder into the sea. For weeks thereafter, the beach in the neighborhood of the Fort and at Fisherman's Point was black with the gunpowder washed up by the sea. Not satisfied with spiking the big guns-several of which were very handsome brass ones, of ancient and curious pattern and workmanship—they labored with hammer and chisel to cut off the trunnions of a number, so as to prevent any possibility of their ever being again of any use. In the Governor's office and residence, which stood on the ramparts, these French barbarians destroyed all the furniture and household utensils, wrote obscene and insulting words in charcoal on the white walls, and otherwise conducted

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